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Security Council

10:00 — 7405th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2015/141*)

   Special Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2015/163)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) (S/2015/141 and S/2015/163)

Other matters

15:00 — 7406th meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7405th meeting.

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2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

16:00 Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room

1701 Report (S/2015/147)

Other matters

Announcement

The *WCDRR 2015 Journal* for the meetings of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)) is accessible by *clicking here*, or by searching "WCDRR 2015 Journal" on the Official Document System (ODS) by *clicking here*.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 131 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement (A/69/710, A/69/809, A/69/73 and A/69/73/Add.1))

Agenda item 147 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction Arusha branch (A/69/734 and A/69/788))

15:00 to 16:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Safety and security: Programme criticality (A/69/530 and A/69/786))

16:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Eleventh round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

10:00 to 13:00	[webcast]	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00		Conference Room 2

Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Agreement [item 6]

Twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (Round-table discussion)

Opening address

Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

Segment 1 "The negotiation and subsequent development of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement"

Speakers

His Excellency Satya N. Nandan, Distinguished Senior Fellow, the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law (video message)

His Excellency David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State, United States of America

Mr. Arni Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (video conference)

Moderator

Mr. William R. Mansfield, Barrister and legal consultant

Segment 2 "Participation in and implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement – achievements and challenges"

Speakers

Mr. Robert Day, Director, International Fisheries Management, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada

Mr. Fábio Hazin, National Secretary for Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brazil

Mr. Driss Meski, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

Mr. William R. Mansfield, Barrister and legal consultant

Mr. Ernesto Penas Lado, Director, Policy Development and Coordination, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Mr. Matthew Gianni, Political and Policy Advisor, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition

Moderator

His Excellency David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State, United States of America

[Details on the event to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement can be found by *clicking here*.]

International Civil Service Commission
Eightieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
	Compensation review	

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	13th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2015/2, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/48,

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18) (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

Panel discussion on "Building the evidence and monitoring results – gender statistics and indicators"

15:00 to 18:00 — 14th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

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(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.

Continuation of general discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 12

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland) on the draft resolution on methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission Website (*click here*). To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is closed*. Any changes to the existing inscriptions should be sent, in writing, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations as soon as possible (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-ninth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 17 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this heading are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM" (under agenda item 123 (p)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

African Group (Third Committee experts)

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Other activities

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Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Briefing with 2014 Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 10:00 to 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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Informal consultations on modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development convened by the Permanent Missions of Guyana and Norway, will take place on Thursday, 19, and Friday, 20 March 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 20 March 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 66 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 19 March 2015

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 2nd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

[Letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 18 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal meeting

The Chair of the Disarmament Commission will hold an informal meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2015, at 11:00, in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and at 15:00, in Conference Room D, and on Friday, 20 March 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from *16:30* to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from *11:30* to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing,* with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For additional information, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are invited to submit their nominations *no later* than Friday, 20 March 2015, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests will be held on Friday, 20 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The theme of the event is "International Day of Forests: Create a Climate Smart Future".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forest-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and conclude with a general discussion on "2015 a time for global action for forests and a climate smart future". The programme of the event is available on the website of the Forum Secretariat.

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, interested Member States are kindly requested to provide, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Thursday, 19 March 2015*.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-eighth session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-fifth session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/69/L.50, entitled "Improving Nutrition" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

Thursday, 19 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Wednesday, 18 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

Forthcoming other activities

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Workshop on "Women negotiating peace: Twenty years after Beijing" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office, the Olof Palme Foundation and the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Wednesday, 18 March 2015, from 09:45 to 17:00, in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 19 March 2015, from 09:45 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here.*]

Briefing on "The Paradox of Income and Happiness" (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI)), in collaboration with Live Happy)

Thursday, 19 March 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Special event on "Leaving no one behind: Tackling inequalities in the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Republic of Tanzania, the Overseas Development Institute and the United Nations Foundation)

Thursday, 19 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact the Permanent Mission of Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Panel discussion on "Languages and diversity, factors of peace" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the International Organization of la Francophonie (OIF))

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. David Nefzi, OIF (e-mail david.nefzi@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness (20 March) (General Assembly resolution 66/281) on the theme "Young People in Support of Climate Action" (co-organized by the Outreach Division, Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation)

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 17:00 to 18:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharine Smith, DPI (e-mail smith2@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-3748); to register, please *click here.*]

Special event on "Communication tools on sustainable development in French language" (organized by the the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF))

Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Claire Schiettecatte, OIF (e-mail claire.schiettecatte@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).]

Panel discussion on "Innovative Technologies: Making the world of books accessible to people who are print disabled" (co-organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 25 March 2015, from 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071; or 1 (212) 963-6813).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
(Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be held from Tuesday, 14 April to Thursday, 16 April 2015, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. A note verbale, dated 30 January 2015, was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations. The annotated provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/1.

Participating States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and regional commissions wishing to attend the session of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat in advance of the session (e-mail muturi@un.org, with copy to habitat3secretariat@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3783)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. In order to facilitate the accreditation process, participants are strongly encouraged to submit their delegation lists *as early as possible*.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail muturi@un.org). Statements should be limited to *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

Additional information on the second session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III is available from the Conference website (www.habitat3.org).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Introduction to Library Services

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. *The deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should

be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 13 March 2015

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2015 substantive session

243rd meeting

The Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), opened the meeting.

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole [item 7]

The Special Committee decided to include in its report to the General Assembly the proposals, recommendations and conclusions submitted by the Working Group of the Whole.

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session [item 8]

The Rapporteur, Mr. Amr Fathi Aljowaily (Egypt), introduced the draft report of the Special Committee (A/AC.121/2015/L.3).

The Special Committee adopted, without a vote, its draft report to the General Assembly.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

The Special Committee thus concluded its 2015 substantive session.

Monday, 16 March 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7403rd meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2015/151)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Australia, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Slovakia, Sweden and Turkey to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Nicholas Haysom, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Haysom.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/178, submitted by Spain.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/178) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/178) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2210 (2015).

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Malaysia, Lithuania, the United States, New Zealand, China, Jordan, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Chad, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nigeria, Angola and Chile, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of India, Pakistan, Germany and Sweden.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Italy, Japan, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia and Slovakia.

7404th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 16 March 2015, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 7404th meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

"The President invited Ms. Sandra Honoré, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing by Ms. Honoré.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Honoré and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

[archived video]

11th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18) (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

The Vice-Chair (El Salvador) opened the meeting.

The Commission held a panel discussion on "The responsibility of men and boys in achieving gender equality", moderated by Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, member, Diverse Voices and Action for Equality (DIVA).

Following a statement by the moderator, presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Gary Barker, ProMundo MenEngage, United States; Mr. Bafana Khumalo, Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa; Mr. Natko Gereš, Director, Status M, Croatia; Mr. Søren Feldbæk Winther, Special Advisor, Ministry of Gender Equality, Denmark; and His Excellency Henry MacDonald, Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations.

Statements were made by the following respondents: His Excellency António Gumende, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations; His Excellency Hiroshi Minami, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations; Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund; Ms. Ayla Goksel, Chief Executive Officer, Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV), Turkey; and Mr. Gary Cohen, Founder, Together For Girls Partnership, United States.

In the ensuing interactive dialogue, the panellists responded to the statements made by the representatives of Switzerland, Cuba, Germany, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Finland, Uganda, Guyana, the Sudan, Paraguay and Kenya.

The observers for Gabon, Italy, Mexico, Iraq, Sweden, Nepal, Mauritius, the Equatorial Guinea, Jordan, Mali and the Philippines also made statements.

A statement was also made by the observer of the European Union.

The representative of the New Future Foundation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also participated.

The moderator made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (El Salvador) made a statement.

12th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18) (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) opened the meeting.

The Commission held a panel discussion on "Changing social norms to achieve gender equality – expectations and opportunities" moderated by Ms. Anita Nayar, Director, Regions Refocus 2015, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation.

Presentations were made by Ms. Stephanie Seguino, Professor of Economics, University of Vermont, United States; Ms. Olena Suslova, Founding Director and Chair of the Women's Information Consultative Center, and Gender Mainstreaming of the Ukrainian Parliamentary Development Project, Ukraine; Ms. Elisa Salinas, CEO, The Women's Project, Mexico; Ms. Chi Yvonne Leina, World Pulse, Cameroon; and Ms. Nafissatou J. Diop, Senior Adviser, UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme, Accelerating Change, UNFPA.

In the ensuing interactive dialogue, the panellists responded to the statements made and questions posed by the representatives of Pakistan, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Switzerland, Finland, Indonesia, the Niger, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Sudan, Guyana, the United States, Zimbabwe, Japan, Thailand and Jamaica.

The observers of Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mexico, South Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, Nepal, Gabon, France, New Zealand, Equatorial Guinea and Malawi also made statements.

A statement was also made by the observer of the European Union.

The representatives of the non-governmental organizations Association for Progressive Communications and MenEngage Global also participated.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) made a statement.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Saturday, 14 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

[archive video]

1st meeting

Opening of the Conference [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Election of the President [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan, as President of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Statement by the President [item 3]

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, President of the Conference; His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of the host country; His Excellency Laurent Fabius, incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Ms. Regina Pritchett, speaking as a representative of the nine Major Groups as defined in Agenda 21; and Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City, Japan.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1) [item 4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1.

The Conference approved its programme of work, as contained in documents A/CONF.224/2 and A/CONF.224/2/Add.1.

The Conference established, in accordance with rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure, a Main Committee and allocated to it agenda item 11 (Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 4.

Adoption of the rules of procedure [item 5]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.224/3.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Election of officers other than the President [item 6]

Pursuant to rule 6 of the rules of procedure the following States were elected by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: *African States*: Egypt and South Sudan; *Asia-Pacific States*: Bangladesh and Thailand; *Eastern European States*: the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation; *Latin America and Caribbean States*: Ecuador and Jamaica; and *Western European and Other States*: Finland and Switzerland.

The Conference also elected, by acclamation, Japan as the ex-officio Vice-President of the Conference.

His Excellency Toni Frisch (Switzerland) was designated as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

The Conference decided to interpret references to "a Chair" of the Main Committee in the rules of procedure as "Co-Chairs" of the Main Committee.

The Conference elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland) and His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand) as the Co-Chairs of the Main Committee.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 6.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Namibia, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America.

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference heard addresses by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and Head of Government of the host country; His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan; His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland; His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya; His Excellency Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu; and His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Statement by the President [item 3]

A statement by the President of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly was delivered by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland in his capacity as Vice-President of the General Assembly.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference heard a statement by His Excellency Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.

2nd meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference heard addresses by Her Excellency Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; His Excellency Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia; His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana; His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi; His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan; Her Excellency Inonge Wina, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia; His Excellency General Prayut Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand; His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania; and His Excellency Anastase Murekezi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The Conference heard an address by Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Siaosi Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga; His Excellency Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia; His Excellency Asang Laoly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; His Excellency Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa; Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo, Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador; His Excellency Ly Thuch, Senior Minister and Vice Chair of the National Committee for Disaster Management of Cambodia; His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies

and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation; His Excellency Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India; His Excellency Li Liguo, Minister of Civil Affairs of China; Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia; and Mr. Khayridin Abdurakhmov, Chair of the Committee on Emergency Situations of Tajikistan.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

The Co-Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1, Her Excellency Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Philippines, opened the dialogue and made a statement. The dialogue was co-chaired by Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, who also made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Mr. Riz Khan, International journalist, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland; Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City, Japan; Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission; Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme; Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; and Ms. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi, Representative of the FemLINK PACIFIC.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mauritania, the Philippines, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Maldives, the United Kingdom and Benin.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the World Bank, the Global Environment Fund and the Global Water Partnership.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following Major Groups: Women and Indigenous Peoples.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Civil Society from Peru and Indonesia.

The Moderator, the Keynote speaker and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair, Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction" closed.

Main Committee

1st meeting

Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Main Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, opened the meeting.

The Committee was informed that in view of the time constraints, there was no need to elect a Rapporteur and that the Co-Chairs would submit the report of the Main Committee.

The Committee was also informed that most of the work of the Main Committee would be conducted through informal consultations, to begin immediately after the adjournment of the formal meeting.

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3rd plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka; His Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic; His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh; Her Excellency Annick Girardin, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France; His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran; His Excellency René Emmanuel Sadi, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Cameroon; His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore; His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia; His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa; His Excellency Kim Gyejo, Deputy Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea; His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay; His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil; His Excellency Abdoulaye Balde, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal; His Excellency Rashid Ahmed Bin-Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru; His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar; His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan; His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica; His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan; Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt; and His Excellency Qutaiba Ibrahim Turki, Minister of Environment of Iraq.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, and by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

4th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard an address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles; His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia; His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of Maldives; His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; Her Excellency Isabel Guterres Amaral, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste; His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia; Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde; Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar; His Excellency Ramón Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba; His Excellency Rémi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire; Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden; His Excellency Gerrard Brownlee, Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand; Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marin, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Chile; Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan; and Mr. Luis Felipe Puente, State Minister and National Coordinator for Civil Protection of Mexico; and by the representatives of the Philippines and Qatar.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by Ms. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union; Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; and Mr. Tadateru Konoe, President of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference heard a statement by the representative of the Women Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Ministerial Round table 1 on "Reconstruction after disasters: building back better"

The Chair of round table 1, His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Tonga, China, Madagascar, Malawi, Czech Republic, Iceland, Australia, France, Kenya, the Maldives, Pakistan, Paraguay, South Sudan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon and the Philippines.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the World Bank Group and the United Nations Development Programme.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Japan Civil Society Coalition.

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 1 closed.

Ministerial round table 2 on "International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 2, His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Kyrgyzstan, Chile, the Cook Islands, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Austria, Israel, Fiji, Morocco and Peru.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the World Bank Group and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Green Climate Fund and the International Disability Alliance.

The Chair declared Ministerial round table 2 closed.

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His Excellency Andrej Logar

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